

REMARKS

By the present Supplemental Amendment, Applicants are amending claim 4 to correct a typographical error in claim 4 as in the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006. That is, while claim 4 as in the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006, indicated that it was currently amended, and the Remarks in connection therewith indicated an amendment of dependency thereof in light of canceling of claim 1 and substitution therefor of new claim 10, unfortunately claim 4 as in the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006, did not set forth any amendments thereto, and maintained dependency on cancelled claim 1. Accordingly, by the present Supplemental Amendment, claim 4 is being amended as intended in the Amendment filed January 4, 2006, to amend dependency thereof such that claim 4 is dependent on claim 10.

It is respectfully requested that the present Supplemental Amendment be entered, notwithstanding 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2). In this regard, noting that while the correct identifier for claim 4 in the Amendment filed January 4, 2006, was used, no amendment to claim 4 was set forth; and, accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006, was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.111(b). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2) is not applicable to the present Supplemental Amendment, in that the Amendment filed January 4, 2006, was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.111(b).

In any event, it is respectfully requested that the present Supplemental Amendment be entered, even were the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006, to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.111(b). In this regard, attention is respectfully directed to 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2)(E); that is, that the Office may enter a supplemental reply if the supplemental reply is clearly limited to correction of informalities (e.g.,

typographical errors). It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment of claim 4 is just such correction of an informality, that is, a correction of a typographical error in claim 4 in the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006, in erroneously failing to delete dependency on claim 1 and substitution therefor of dependency on claim 10, such that the present Supplemental Amendment should be entered.

Applicants respectfully incorporate herein in their entirety the Remarks on pages 5-11 of the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006, and also incorporate herein the Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 submitted with the Amendment submitted January 4, 2006. As seen in these Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims patentably distinguish over the teachings of the prior art applied by the Examiner in rejecting claims in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, that is, the teachings of the U.S. patents to Matlack, et al., No. 5,028,462, and to Harada, et al., No. 4,908,272, under the provisions of 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103.

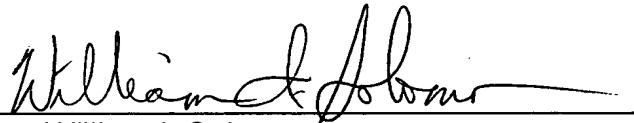
In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, entry of the present Supplemental Amendment and of the amendments in the Amendment filed January 4, 2006; and reconsideration and allowance of all claims presently in the application, are respectfully requested.

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Applicants request any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case: 396.43206X00), or credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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